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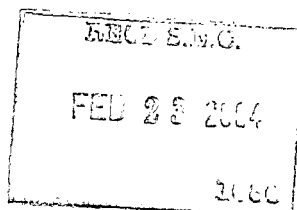
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Dear Mr. Johnson:

The New York Stock Exchange certifies approval for listing and registration under the Securities Exchange Act of 1933, CALAMOS STRATEGIC TOTAL RETURN FUND, Common Shares of beneficial interest, without par value. The NYSE requests simultaneous acceleration of registration of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, together with the 1933 Act. Adequate distribution assured. Form 8-A received on February 23, 2004. Tentative listing date – Not yet determined.

Sincerely,

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